

NEWS

EIS underway for Mason Tract gas well

In an effort to get the horse back before the cart, the U.S. Forest Service announced on Friday plans to proceed with a more stringent environmental study involving a proposal to drill a controversial gas well near the pristine Mason Tract.

Huron-Manistee National Forest officials announced plans to begin work on an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) regarding an application for a permit to drill a natural gas well on national forest lands in Crawford County.

Ken Arbogast, spokesperson for the Huron-Manistee Forest, said that the more stringent environmental study would take a year and 1/2 to complete. **8A**

SPORTS

Vikings force 11 turnovers in 62-15 win vs. Rams



The Grayling Vikings forced 11 turnovers and won by 47 points, 62-15, vs. the visiting Harbor Springs Rams during last Friday's varsity football league game — a contest that included homecoming festivities for Grayling High School.

"Our kids played great this week," Coach Tim Sanchez said. "The defense really stepped it up by forcing 11 turnovers, and the rest of the offense picked up the slack with our starting running back being out. We need to build on this momentum as we will be facing a tough Kalkaska team (this week)." **14A**

Vikings finish week with 5-3 league victory vs. Rams



Grayling High School's varsity boys soccer squad played three home games last week and won two of them, with both of their victories coming in Lake Michigan Conference matchups.

On Thursday, the Vikings finished their three-game week with a 5-3 win over the visiting Harbor Springs Rams. The victory improved Grayling's league record to 6-2.

"We've had some ups and downs lately, so it was nice to see the guys come out and dominate a game," Coach Craig Cobb said. "We need to work on moving as individuals to have the open pass at all times. We did a great job moving the ball around, which created opportunities for everyone. We doubled their amount of shots on goal." **12A**

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Board tied to pay hikes

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners found out that it was a year too late to bring parity for pay hikes given to elected county officials and other county employees last week.

A motion to deny a three percent pay hike for elected officials failed to pass when a two-to-two tie vote

was reached at the Crawford County Board's annual budget hearing held on Sept. 30. The county's 2009-10 fiscal year began on Oct. 1, and has been set that way for several years to coincide with state and federal budgets.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, and Commissioner Rick Anderson voted against giving

county elected officials the three percent pay raise.

Commissioners Mike Lange and Kathy Rogers voted for the pay increases. Commissioners Terry Beardslee, Scott Hanson and Shelly Pinkelman did not attend the meeting.

"I agree with two percent," Stephenson said. "I just disagree with three percent."

Crawford County elected officials include Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, Prosecutor Everett "Trey" Ayers, County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore and Treasurer Joe Wakeley. Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo noted the salary increases for judges for the 46th Circuit Trial Court are recommended by the state. The judge's See **COUNTY BOARD | 11A**



CROWNED

Allie Barber and Brady Coe were named homecoming queen and king, respectively, during halftime of last Friday's varsity football game, ending a week of homecoming activities at Grayling High School. The junior class won the spirit cup this year and Grayling won the football game, defeating the Harbor Springs Rams 62-15 on Friday night at Viking Stadium.

Photo by Caleb Casey



Sisters shine in Harvest Fest tractor parade

Tractor parades kicked off Harvest Fest events in downtown Grayling on Saturday and Sunday. Dozens of tractors, ranging from small garden tractors to the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association's huge trail groomer, were featured in the parade. Above, sisters Samantha Bidwell, age 16, and Jorgianna Bidwell, age 3, of Grayling rode on a 1948 Farmall Cub with a dual seat in the tractor parade on Saturday. Samantha Bidwell owns the tractor. The girls' Grandpa Monty Bidwell had a number of his tractors on display for Harvest Fest. For more on Harvest Fest, see Page 10A.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Canoe teams paddle up the AuSable on tour between Great Lakes

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Two canoe teams traveled up the AuSable River on a trip from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan to honor a world-renowned canoe paddler.

The Ultimate Kruger 2009 Challenge, a project for the Verlen Kruger Memorial Association, went through the Grayling area last week and weekend. Kruger was a Michigan canoe explorer, racer and founder of Kruger Canoes, who passed away in August 2004. He was 82.

Kruger was born a sharecropper's son in Pulaski County, Ind. in 1922. The second of nine children, Kruger was forced to quit school at age 14 to help the struggling family through hard times.

Kruger was drafted into the Army for World War II in 1942 to serve as a reconnaissance tank driver. Later, he convinced his superiors to allow him take exams to become a pilot. He graduated from the Air Force Flight Training School at the top of his class, became a flight instructor, trained advanced fighter pilots and served a tour of duty flying P-51s over Korea and Japan.

After his years in the military, Kruger and his wife, Jenny settled in the Lansing area in a home on the Grand River. The couple had nine children and Kruger established a successful plumbing business.

Kruger did not sit or paddle a canoe until age 41. He quickly gained a love for the sport, an interest in taking long voyages and building his own canoes.

Kruger was no stranger to canoe marathon racing and the Ausable River Canoe Marathon.

"Right away I was marathon canoe racing and building my first experimental canoe. I was tripping to train for racing, and I was racing to train for tripping," Kruger said in an article published in Paddler Magazine. "Anyone who's got a fancy for tripping should spend a year in the racing circuit. Racing is where you can learn efficiency and enjoyment."

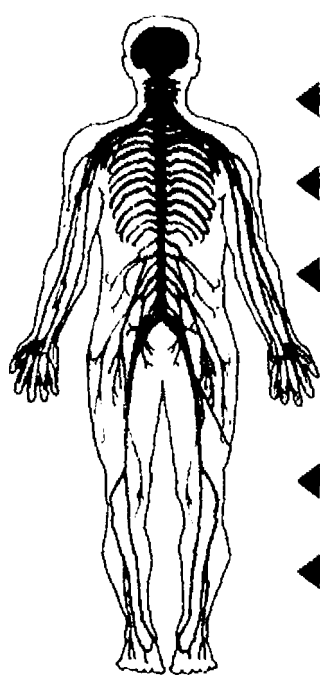
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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Two canoe teams traveled up the AuSable River on a trip from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan to honor world-renowned canoe paddler Verlen Kruger. Above, Jack Murgittroyd of Ithaca pulls his Kruger canoe on a wheeled cart as they head for M-72 West.

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Grayling Rotary Club funds 18-hole disc golf course for Hanson Hills

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Rotary Club has given a plan to develop an 18-hole disc golf course at Hanson Hills a chance to soar and land in the basket.

The Grayling Rotary Club has teamed up the Grayling Recreational Authority and Hanson Hills to develop the disc golf course through a \$9,500 donation for the project.

Inspired by Maverick Ginther and Ben Jones, Grayling High School graduates who wanted to create a disc golf course to recognize friends Ryan Davis and Josh Mastej, the Grayling Rotary Club decided to give the project its full financial backing. Davis and Mastej died in a

car accident that occurred in Crawford County on Oct. 21, 2006.

Ginther and Jones placed donation cans in area businesses earlier this year, when Grayling Rotary Club members learned of the project.

"It was a pipe dream before, but now it's going to be a reality," said Andy Moore, a Grayling Rotary Club Board member. "I think it's going to be an exciting thing for the area and disc golf is a very popular activity all over the globe."

Disc golf is based on traditional golfing, but involves the use of Frisbees or discs. The object is to throw the disc into a basket in the least amount of throws. The discs are thrown from cement pads

to tees, which include chains that the disc can hit and then fall into a catch basket. Players carry various specially designed discs, which include drivers, midrange discs, putters and specialty discs.

"It's amazing to watch guys playing this sport," Moore said.

The course is being designed to Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) standards.

There will be Par 3, Par 4 and Par 5 holes on the course. Disc golf holes are measured in feet from tee to green. The longest hole will be 750 feet.

The course will be known at the Grayling Rotary PDGA Golf Course.

"We want to do more good work for the community, but we want to put our name on it so people know what we're trying to accomplish," Moore said.

The catch baskets were purchased from a Michigan firm and construction of the cement pads will be awarded to a Grayling company.

"We're really trying to keep our business in the community and money in the

state," Moore said.

Maps and score cards will be available for disc golf players. A third of the holes will be available for casual play later this month, while total construction will not be completed until the spring 2010.

The course will be open to the general public, with plans on hosting PDGA league and team matches and tournaments. Moore said Grayling High School Principal Daniel Pummel and Grayling Middle School Principal Jeff Branch have been encouraged to urge students to form disc golf teams.

"This is a sport for all ages," Moore said. "It's fun, safe and low impact."

Justin Andre, executive director of Hanson Hills, said the disc golf course fits in with the Grayling Recreation Authority's mission to increase utilization of the recreational facility.

"With the addition of the disc golf course, that gives the community one more opportunity - young and old alike - to come together and having something to do," Andre said.

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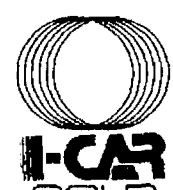
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(NewsUSA) - As the temperature drops, car batteries produce less power, belts and hoses become more brittle, tires lose air pressure and engine oil thickens. In a few words, winter is tough on vehicles.

"Marginally operating systems can fail outright in extreme weather," notes Martin Lawson, editorial director for the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

The following tips from ASE will help motorists prepare for winter's toughest conditions:

Cooling System. The level, condition, and concentration of the coolant should be checked to prevent breakdowns and potential engine damage from freezing or overheating. The tightness and condition of drive belts, clamps and hoses should be checked at the same time.

Oil. Change your oil and

oil filter as specified in your manual. In extremely cold regions, switching to winter-grade oil, which has a lower viscosity and makes starting your vehicle easier, may be necessary.

Engine Performance. Get engine problems, like hard starts, stalling and rough idling, corrected early, since cold weather makes existing problems worse.

Windshield Wipers. Replace worn, streaking blades. If your winters are especially harsh, get rubber-clad (winter) blades. Carry extra windshield-washer solvent and a quality ice-scraper.

Battery. Can't recall when you bought a new battery? A weak one is likely to fail in the winter. Have its charge checked at a good repair shop to be sure.

Tires. Balding tires are useless in winter's snow and slush. Replace them with all-season tires, or snow tires if your region gets heavy snow. Check the air pressure of all tires including your spare.

Emergencies. Carry gloves, boots, blankets, a winter coat, flares, a small shovel, sand or kitty litter, tire chains, a flashlight, a cell phone, and some non-perishable snacks.

Safety. Clear all snow and ice off your vehicle before driving. Keep headlights and



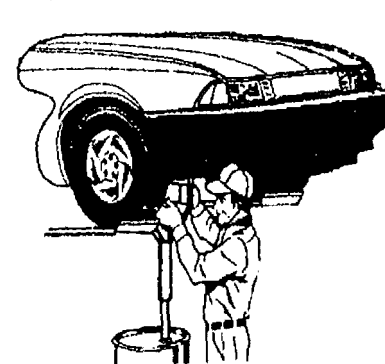
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City of Grayling recognized with 2008 Water Fluoridation Award

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The City of Grayling was recently given kudos for helping keep the teeth of children and adults healthy.

The Michigan Department of Community Health recognized the community with a 2008 Water Fluoridation Award.

Susan Deming, fluoridation coordinator for the Michigan Department of Community Health, said for the last two years, state officials have been sending annual reports regarding community water supply systems to the Centers for Disease Control.

The Centers for Disease Control identifies community water fluoridation as one of the 10 greatest public health achievements of the 20th century, and presents Water Fluoridation Quality Awards to community water systems for maintaining consistent levels of optimally fluoridated water throughout the calendar year.

For the 1,019 municipal water systems in Michigan, only 47 were recognized for having reached that achievement in 2008.

"Most of our water systems don't get close to having the optimum levels," Deming said.

Grayling Department of Public Works Director Chad Beckett said the optimum fluoride level for the Grayling water system is one part per million.

Communities began adding fluoride to municipal water supplies in the early 20th Century. The City of Grand Rapids was one of the first municipalities to add the chemical to water to prevent tooth decay.

For children, fluoride works to make tooth enamel harder and more resistant to acid that causes tooth decay. For adults, it helps repair early stages of tooth decay even before they become visible in the mouth. The process is known as remineralization.

Toothpastes, mouth rinses, and gels contain fluoride, which is also found in foods and liquids processed with water containing fluoride.

Fluoride naturally occurs in water in small amounts. Hydrofluorosilicic acid, which is added to the Grayling water supply in a liquid form, is a by-product of

the fertilizer industry.

Pumps, which inject fluoride into the water system, only operate when water is being drawn from the city's two water wells. The city alternates between the two water wells when community residents and businesses are pumping water for use. The water is tested daily to monitor the fluoride levels.

Beckett said he was pleased that the city and Department of Public Works employees were recognized for their hard work.

"This is one of the many examples of the things that the Department of Public Works does to protect the health and welfare of our community," Beckett said.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer echoed those thoughts.

"It's a consistency thing, and it says to me as a manager that we have a well managed water supply system that's safe for the public," Thayer said.

Thayer said adding fluoride to Grayling's water supply gives a health benefit to an already good product, noting that that water aquifer located between Grayling and

Roscommon is recognized for its quality.

"We sit on one of the best fresh water supplies in the world so it make it easy to provide a product that is healthy and is also very pleasing," he said.

In 2005, Grayling received a Community Initiative Award from the American Dental Association State and Territorial Directors for the Centers for Disease Control.

Deming said that Michigan is proud to have 91 percent of the state's community water supply systems adding the benefit of fluoridation to prevent tooth decay and cavities.

The Centers for Disease Control recognized Michigan with a 2008 award for State Excellence for Documented Optimized Water Systems.

"The benefits of optimal community water fluoridation last throughout the life span," said Dr. Sheila Vandenbush, oral health director for the Michigan Department of Community Health. "The Oral Health program and the Department of Environmental Quality commend Grayling on maintaining optimal levels of fluoride in the community's water system."

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Car care advice for consumers facing tough economic times

(ARA) - The average car and light truck on American roads has reached a record age of 9.4 years, according to a recent survey by R.L. Polk & Co. With new car sales down, consumers across the country are looking to get the most out of their existing cars and to save money whenever possible.

However, spending a little more today on the right maintenance routine with quality products and trusted service technicians can help save money over the long run. Alan Taylor, host of the nationally syndicated show Car & Driver Radio, offers the following simple checklist of tips motorists should perform to help keep their vehicles running longer, safer and more cost-effectively:

Motor oil really does matter

Beyond regular, specified oil changes, automobile manufacturers recommend the use of high-quality motor oils that meet the latest American Petroleum Institute (API) specifications in their particular grade. Consumers should ask for quality motor oils by name because they are formulated to meet the demands of today's engines. Using a quality motor oil in the right grade can help maximize fuel economy, and help save money by preventing costly engine damage.

Regular preventive maintenance pays off

Most vehicle manufacturers have two classifications for driving conditions, "normal" and "severe," which they use to recommend how often drivers should have services such as oil changes performed on their vehicle. A driving habits survey conducted for Jiffy Lube found that more than 92 percent of motorists drive in what vehicle manufacturers consider "severe" conditions.

Regardless of the driving conditions, it's important that people follow their vehicle manufacturer's maintenance recommendations. Keeping a vehicle on its proper preventive maintenance schedule

will help keep it running smoothly. For instance, the minimal investment of an oil change can help drivers avoid potentially more costly repairs down the road.

Driving style can make a big difference

Aggressive driving wastes gas and can reduce gas mileage by 33 percent on the highway and 5 percent in the city, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Avoid quick or "jackrabbit" starts and stops, and observe the posted speed limits as gas mileage decreases rapidly above 60 mph.

Motorists should plan their route in advance and combine as many errands as possible to minimize time on the road. Especially on longer trips, drivers should take advantage of the cruise control feature if they have it - an Edmunds.com study revealed that using cruise control at highway speeds offered an average fuel economy savings of 7 percent.

Use a high-quality gasoline

All gasolines are not the same, and no matter what grade of fuel a vehicle requires, it's important to use a high-quality gasoline. Industry research confirms that a clean engine can result in better fuel efficiency, reduced emissions and overall optimal engine performance. Fortunately, keeping the engine clean of performance-robbing "gunk" helps it perform better and is as easy as choosing the right gasoline.

Don't lose your grip

Tires are a car's only connection to the road, so making sure they are in good shape and properly inflated is essential.



Spending a little more today on the right maintenance routine with quality products and trusted service technicians can help save money over the long run.

tial for automotive safety, optimum driving performance and potential cost savings, including better fuel mileage. Tires should be inflated to the vehicle manufacturer's recommendations printed on the vehicle door placard or in the owner's manual. Properly inflated tires can improve gas mileage by around 3.3 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Watch the weight

If it's not needed, don't take it. Check the vehicle on a regular basis and remove all unnecessary items. Every additional 100 pounds in the trunk could reduce the typical car's fuel economy by up to 2 percent, the Department of Energy reports.

Let the car breathe free

Check that the air filter isn't clogged. Replacing a clogged air filter can improve a car's gas mileage by as much as 10 percent. And it won't just save money; it will also help protect the engine by keeping harmful impurities out.

Regular tune ups pay off over the long term

Before taking that long trip, motorists should visit a trusted professional and make sure their car is properly tuned. Depending on the kind of repair and how well it is performed, regular vehicle maintenance can improve gas mileage by an average of 4 percent, according to the Department of Energy.

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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Who's ahead in 2009 for president, governor?

THE NEXT presidential election is more than three years away, but that doesn't deter organizations which do that sort of thing to conduct polls on potential candidates.

President Barack Obama certainly will be the Democratic candidate for a second term in the presidential election of 2012, barring some sort of drastic and unforeseen circumstance.

The Republican field, however, is wide open, sort of.

At this point, 37 months in advance of the 2012 presidential voting, the most familiar faces so far are those Republicans who endured the thick of the 2008 campaigning.

The lone exception is Sen. John McCain the incumbent unsuccessful GOP nominee from last year, who is not expected to try again.

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A COUPLE OF weeks ago, at the annual Value Voters Summit conference in Washington, a straw poll showed former Gov. Michael Huckabee of Arkansas ahead right now. That's not too surprising, considering the political focus of Value Voters and Mr. Huckabee is

pretty much the same.

Value Voters poll listed their top issues facing the nation as abortion, protection of religious liberties, same sex marriage, and tax cuts.

Mike Huckabee's background as a minister and his strong support from religious conservatives in the 2008 primary campaign, now abetted by his role as a talk-show host on Fox News, made this conference duck soup for him.

About one-third of the 1,800 delegates to the Value Voters Summit voted in the straw poll, and Mr. Huckabee topped the list with 25 percent support.

Tied for second with about 12 percent each were Mitt Romney of Massachusetts, Tim Pawlenty of Minnesota and Sarah Palin of Alaska, all former governors, along with US Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana.

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MITT ROMNEY, if he runs again, is considered the most logical front runner among Republicans at this point, while Tim Pawlenty - who was on Candidate McCain's short list for vice president last year - may

develop the appetite and support in coming months.

Sarah Palin apparently is a political product yet to be developed following her questionable run for vice president last year, her resignation as governor, her tell-all book due out this fall, and persistent reports that she may prefer talk-show fame and personal fortune to another run for national office, at least this soon.

The only reason I can figure for Rep. Pence being on this list is that Indiana must have sent a large delegation to the Value Voters Summit.

However, congressional Republicans from House or Senate may well become serious contenders for the GOP nomination before too long, as well as some sitting Republican governor.

Looking at presidential potentials today, I agree with what one prominent Washington columnist wrote about the 2012 Republican picture recently: "After everything we have seen over the last five years or so, who knows?"

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GOVERNOR'S RACE - Next year's state election is much closer

than the 2012 presidential vote, and in Michigan the governor's race tops the ballot.

That job is wide open since Gov. Jennifer Granholm is term limited.

So who's ahead among the gaggle of Republican candidates for governor?

At the recent biennial leadership conference of Michigan Republicans at Mackinac Island, a straw poll followed a joint appearance by the five leading announced candidates seeking the nomination in next August's primary. Of the 2,300 conference goers, 1,244 answered the poll.

Top vote getter was Rick Snyder of Ann Arbor, a businessman whose campaign so far is based on the fact that he is not a politician, led the poll with 386 votes for 31 percent.

Following closely were Attorney General Mike Cox, who definitely is a politician, with 300 votes and Oakland Sheriff Mike Bouchard, another veteran politician, with 298.

US Rep. Peter Hoekstra of Holland, former businessman who is leaving Congress after eight terms, was next with 219 votes,

and term limited state Sen. Tom George of Kalamazoo, a physician, with only 41 votes.

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RICK SNYDER, being outside the political mainstream throughout the state, certainly has lower name identification than most of these candidates, but Republican leaders apparently know who he is, even if most voters still are unacquainted.

Like most polling, the Mackinac results represent a snapshot of the thinking of those polled, most of them party activists, at a specific point in time.

Michigan voters will decide nominees for governor in the August 2010 primary, which is 10 months from now.

There will be more polls before then, and the usual comment by anyone who is not leading an opinion poll is definitely true:

"The only poll that counts is on election day."

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Letters to the Editor

Time capsule was not to be opened for at least 100 years

To the editor:

It was a very interesting article that appeared in the Oct. 1, 2009 edition of the *Avalanche*, concerning the time capsule. At the end of the centennial celebration which turned out to be a very exciting time here in the county, a time capsule was buried in front of the court house with the intent on providing future generations a glimpse of what life was like during this time period.

As a member of the centennial committee and chairperson of this particular project, I presided over the ceremony that was held at the end of the celebration. After gathering a variety of items that the committee thought should go in the capsule, I had a local fiberglass company seal the container to protect it from the elements.

After the ceremony, a list of the contents was recorded and filed with the register of deeds. This capsule was not supposed to be opened for at least a period of 100 years.

The burial of the capsule was a well attended event

and was a proper conclusion to the entire celebration.

You can understand how dismayed I was to see a picture on the front page of people holding items from the capsule. The items in the capsule were donated by various members of the community for future generations.

The contents were recorded and registered to protect the communities interest in this and to provide a listing of the contents that could be referred to at any time.

I would therefore suggest to the Historical Society that they restore all the items to the container, have it resealed with fiberglass and rebury it with a marker on the museum grounds. This event could be done to also create some focus on the museum.

I hope this letter is a welcome addition to the article and that the Historical Society follows through with returning the capsule to the ground.

P.S. And as Paul Harvey used to say, "And now you know the rest of the story."

Robert J. Hannan
Grayling

Grayling Centennial Aug. 6-12, 1972 Time Capsule

Buried Aug. 12, 1972
Compiled by Valerie and Howard Lehti, Larry Crouch and Bob Hannan

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turned in to the office by
Monday noon, to appear
in that week's issue.

Photographs must be
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News items and letters should be submitted
on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper,
typed, and double-
spaced.

Handwritten items
must also have ample
space between each line;
on lined paper use every
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page.

Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an

address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are sub-

ject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration in the following week's paper.

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Join in the discussion online. The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles on our Internet site at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com.

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the

"Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

Briefs

Band boosters to hold meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. Parents of band students are encouraged to attend and become involved in activities that support the instrumental music program for all Grayling schools.

COA to hold drivers safety program

The Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, will hold an AARP Driver Safety Program on Oct. 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The class is a refresher course for those over age 50. The class will be divided into two four hour sessions, the fee is 10 and payable to AARP. For more information or to register, call the COA at 348-7123.

MARSP to hold fall meeting

The Crawford-Oscoda Chapter of MARSP (Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel) fall meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting at noon. The speaker will be Stephanie Riemer - Matuzak, President - CEO of Mercy Hospital, her topic will be "Health Care Today." The cost is \$10 for lunch. Call Bob or Barb Summers at 344-1905, with reservations by Oct. 8.

TEFAP recertification to be held

TEFAP recertification will be held on Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the senior center on Lawndale St.

Sheriff to attend township meeting

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will attend the Maple Forest Township meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. He will be there throughout the meeting, and if necessary, remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

Kirtland to hold College Night

Kirtland Community College will host "College Night 2009," from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15, in Student Center at KCC's main campus near Roscommon. Colleges and other representatives will be available to provide prospective students information. Event is free and open to the public. For details, call 989-275-5000, extension 284, or visit www.kirtland.edu.

COA to take bus trip to Kirtland

The COA will be taking a bus trip on Oct. 14, to the Kirtland Community College School of Cosmetology for a morning of beauty treatments. The bus will leave the senior center, 308 Lawndale St., at 8:45 a.m. Special group rates will be offered on haircuts, manicures and other select services. The price for the trip is \$10, which includes transportation and beauty treatments. Transportation will be provided by The Resurrection Life Church. For more information or to register, call 348-7123.

Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their meeting on Oct. 14, at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

COA offers Wii virtual bowling

The Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, Grayling, will have virtual bowling using the Nintendo Wii, each Wednesday of the month starting Oct. 7 at 1 p.m. The advantage of the Wii program is that it combines physical and cognitive activity. If you have any questions, call the senior center at 348-7123.

VFW Post #3736 to hold meeting

The VFW Post #3736, and the Ladies Auxiliary, will hold their meeting on Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

Benefit dinner to be held

A benefit dinner for Adam Johnson of Frederic, will be held on Oct. 10, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Frederic Elementary School. Prices are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6 - 10 and under 6 are free. There will also be a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Adam is the 7-year-old son of Lee Bob and Pam Johnson, who was severely burned. All money raised will go towards expenses.

GPA taking tree reservations

The Grayling Promotional Association is calling upon all Festival of Trees sponsors and gift sponsors to reserve their trees. Space is limited. They have a limited amount of trees to be decorated on a first come basis. The festival runs Nov. 13 - Nov. 23. For information, contact April Bertram at 989-348-5725.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Oct. 9 - Lunch - chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables and red grapes. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Card Golf, 12 p.m. Frederic Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Oct. 12 - Lunch - sloppy Joe, O'Brien potatoes, broccoli, cole slaw and mandarin oranges. Dinner - meatloaf, mashed potatoes, cauliflower and orange sections. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back on Duty, 10 a.m. quilting, 1 p.m. Bridge and Clogging.

Tuesday, Oct. 13 - Lunch - beef tips with noodles, Brussels sprouts, carrots and pears. Dinner - original fried chicken, oven roasted potatoes, broccoli and grapefruit sections. 10 a.m. Bible Study, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. TEFAP recertification, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Oct. 14 - Lunch - chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes and fresh fruit salad. Birthday Dinner - pork chop, marshmallow sweet potatoes, California vegetable blend, sliced apples and cake and ice cream. 8:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bussin' Beauties, 9 a.m. AARP Drivers Class, 1 p.m. pool league and Wii Bowling, 5 p.m. Birthday

Dinner.
Thursday, Oct. 15 - Lunch - lasagna with meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, beets and plums. Harvest Dinner - cornish hens, acorn squash, snap peas, pineapple and apple pie. 9 a.m. AARP Driver's Class, 10 a.m. craft

class, 2 p.m. UNO Attack, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Harvest Dinner.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

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The Bible Speaks

Righteousness by Faith

Romans 10:9 gives the content of faith one must profess, to know salvation. "9That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:10 describes more of the nature of that saving faith. "10For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Salvation requires more than just head knowledge of truth; it requires faith within our heart. James 2:19 teaches we are not saved by just believing in God. "19Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." Jesus said in John 14:1: "1Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." We must believe also in our Lord Jesus Christ. As He said in John 14:6: "6Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

To believe with the heart is to believe God's word of faith with our innermost being. God's first commandment in Mark 12:30 says, "30And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy

heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment." 1 Samuel 16:7 reminded us that "...man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart." Jesus reminded us in Matthew 12:34: "...for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." As Paul testified in 2 Corinthians 4:13: "13We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak." As Martha stood before the tomb which contained the dead, decaying body of her brother Lazarus, we read in John 11:40: "40Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?"

Abraham is known as the father of faith in Romans 4:14. His faith was declared in Genesis 15:6: "6And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness." Romans 4:20-25 explains Abraham's faith: "20He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22And therefore it was imputed to

him for righteousness. 23Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; 24But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; 25Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."

We believe in our heart unto righteousness and confess with our mouth unto salvation only because God bears witness through His word of faith within our hearts. We read Peter's great confession to Jesus in Matthew 16:16,17: "16And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." Paul said in 1 Corinthians 12:3b: "...that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." 1The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD." (Pro 16:1). Has God saved you? Pastor "B"

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209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001
Sunday Service 10:30 am
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Lovells Community Chapel
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Pastor: Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells
(989) 348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Grayling Free Methodist
Pastor: Rick Secord
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
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Heritage Baptist
Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-5558
heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
(1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Afternoon Worship 12:45 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor: Gary Wojdan
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
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Morning Worship 10:30 am
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Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

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Pastor: James Durfee • 2247 Durfee Lane
being Sunday 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor: Patricia Petric - (989) 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
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Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth
Service 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm
Friday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
(van transportation available)

Community of Christ
Pastor: Ann Doty • North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751
Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V.
Parish Office - 707 Spruce
(989) 348-7657
Saturday Evening Masses 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses 10 am

St. Francis Episcopal
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Morning Prayer Tue-Fri 8:30 am
Eucharist (Wed) 8:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Center
Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann
Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738
resurrectionlife.com • Phone: (989) 348-1000
Sunday Service 10:30 am
Midweek Services (Wed) 7 pm
E-mail: reslife@resurrectionlife.com

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Wednesday Evening 7 pm

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Sunday Service 11 am

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(Near Westside Diner)
pastordave@graylingfreechurch.org
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Obituaries

Rose M. Hatfield
Rose M. Hatfield, of
Grayling, passed away on
Monday, October 5, 2009.
A full obituary with

arrangements will appear in
next edition of Avalanche.
Arrangements by
Sorenson-Lockwood
Funeral Home.

Range Firing

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, Oct. 15-21.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of county Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Oct. 17.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Oct. 15-21.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail, Oct. 20.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on: Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to

Bald Hill Truck Trail; Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Rd.; Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.; Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation at 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Library News

"Sit n' Knit @Night with Aunt Polly" will be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 6 p.m. Meet Aunt Polly and hear tales of Tom Sawyer.

Meet Josefina, as our "American Girl Celebrations" continue on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 3:30 p.m., at the Devereaux Memorial Library. Special guest Samara Sabin will help celebrate a Cinco De Mayo fiesta. Call Jane at 348-9214, to sign up.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

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**Sentencings for July 2009
Hon. Janet M. Allen**

Robert Neal Jewell, age 24 of Grayling - Plead guilty on June 15, 2009, to stolen property-receiving and concealing \$200; ordered on July 20, 2009, to pay \$45 restitution, \$53 state minimum costs, \$350 attorney fee and \$50 crime victim rights fee; placed on probation for 12 months.

Christopher Charles Parker, age 31 of Grayling - Plead guilty on June 15, 2009, to gross indecency males; sentenced on July 20, 2009, to serve 365 days in jail with credit for 173 days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

John Ransom, age 38 of Livonia, - Plead guilty on June 1, 2009, to child support fail to pay; sentenced on July 6, 2008, to serve 95 days in jail with credit for 95 days served; ordered to pay \$68 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$325 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 12 months.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Thomas Michael Mayes, age 25 of Houghton Lake - Plead guilty on June 4, 2009, to weapons-carry concealed; sentenced on July 9, 2009 to serve 30 days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs and \$325 circuit court costs; placed on probation for 12 months.

Delaine Louise Bowerman, age 26, of Mancelona - Found guilty on May, 18, 2009, for a probation violation and one count of check no account; sentenced on July 9, 2008 to serve 180 days in jail with credit for 64 days served; ordered to pay \$905.99 restitution, \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee and \$154 late fee assessment.

Johnathan Douglas Bryant, age 24, of Grayling - Plead guilty on June 15, 2009, to controlled substance possess less than 25 grams controlled substance-second or subsequent offense-double penalty; sentenced on July 20, 2009, to serve two years and six months to eight years in prison with credit for 69 days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$68 state minimum costs.

Jonathan Douglas Bryant, age 24, of Grayling - Plead guilty on June 15, 2009, to operating-impaired-operating under the influence of liquor per se-third offense; sentenced on July 20, 2009, to serve two years and six months to five years in prison with credit for 71 days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$68 state minimum costs.

Francis Gordon Jocis Jr., age 34, of Grayling - Plead guilty on June 15, 2009 to motor vehicle-unlawful use, operating-impaired-operating under the influence of liquor per se-third offense, and operating while license suspended allowed another suspended person to operate-second or subsequent offense; sentenced on count one to serve 365 days in prison; sentenced on count two to serve three years and 10 days in prison; sentenced on count three to serve 365 days in prison; ordered to pay \$110 restitution, \$174 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights fee.

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Mystery mural takes shape



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The Watershed Art Project prepared for its second annual Mystery Mural on Saturday. Young and up and coming Grayling area artists painted tiles for the mural with the help of art coaches. The J. Dap Co. will feature this year's Mystery Mural masterpiece, a five-foot by eight-foot painting, which will be framed and hung on the side of their building. The unveiling of the Mystery Mural will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21 during the community's annual Christmas Walk. Above, Erica Umlor, age 10, of Grayling paints one of the tiles.

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Environmental Impact Statement underway for Mason Tract gas well

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

In an effort to get the horse back before the cart, the U.S. Forest Service announced on Friday plans to proceed with a more stringent environmental study involving a proposal to drill a controversial gas well near the pristine Mason Tract.

Huron-Manistee National Forest officials announced plans to begin work on an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) regarding an application for a permit to drill a natural gas well on national forest lands in Crawford County.

In 2003, Savoy Energy, a Traverse City based oil and gas exploration firm, filed an application with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service to drill the gas well. The site, referred to as "USA and State

South Branch 1-8 well," covers 640 acres. Savoy Energy leased 240 acres of mineral rights belonging to the State of Michigan in 1999. The remaining acres of mineral rights were leased from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in 1997, 2000 and 2002. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approved Savoy's state permit to drill for natural gas in 2003. The most recent state permit was issued in January 2008.

As the state and federal considered the drilling permits, public outcry from anglers, conservationists, state and local officials grew.

The Anglers of the AuSable, the Sierra Club and Tim Mason, the grandson of George Mason, fought the permit to drill the well in federal court on behalf of anglers, hikers and canoeists.

The Mason Tract was established in 1955, when auto executive George Mason bequeathed 1,500 acres of land with 11 miles fronting the South Branch of the AuSable River to the State of Michigan. Mason's gift was under the condition that the land be maintained in its pristine nature. Over the years, the Mason Tract has grown to cover 4,500 acres of state land and has become a recreational haven for hunters, trout anglers, hikers and cross-country skiers. The Mason Chapel, a shrine built in Mason's honor, has been the site of several weddings

and a place to enjoy some serenity overlooking the river.

In the last legal action in the battle, an order to dismiss appeals filed by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management was entered in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati on Dec. 23, 2008. In addition, Savoy Energy was denied a request to intervene in the case.

The victory in the five-year legal battle came after U.S. District Court Judge David M. Lawson ruled earlier in 2008 that an environmental assessment done by the U.S. Forest Service for the proposed gas well was inadequate. Specifically, the judge said the federal agency failed to address the impacts of the gas well, noise and the clear cutting of trees would have on wildlife and recreational tourism and failed to explore possible alternatives. Lawson directed federal agencies to complete the full EIS.

Ken Arbogast, spokesperson for the Huron-Manistee Forest, said that the more stringent environmental study would take a year and 1/2 to complete.

Arbogast said a notice of intent to prepare the EIS would be published in the Federal Register, the newspaper of record for the federal government, within the next three months. After the notice is published, federal officials will solicit public comment over a 45-day period on

issues that need to be addressed in the study. After a draft of the EIS is completed, anglers, conservationists and Crawford County officials will be able to address and comment on the findings and analysis contained in the document.

Arbogast said the U.S. Forest Service would draw on data received over the last few years to include in the study. Specially, he that federal officials will be able to draw comparisons on noise and impact on tourism and wildlife from recent Department of Natural Resources timber sales that have occurred in the Mason Tract area.

Additionally, the number of oil and gas well drilled in Crawford County has grown from 280 to 340 in recent years. Arbogast said federal officials would be able to draw conclusions on the economic impact the wells have or have not had on Crawford County in the study.

Arbogast acknowledged that the same emotions and sentiments about the Mason Tract would be raised as the study moves forward.

"I don't think we are ever going to be able to change people's perspective on that side, but we have to really address issues from a scientifically and factually side," he said.

Arbogast said federal agencies are bound to proceed with the study since Savoy Energy still has the mineral rights leases.

"They have valid leases for state and federal minerals and as long as those leases are valid to those minerals, we have to process their application," he said.

Alan R. Diodore, vice-president of the Anglers of the AuSable Board of Directors, said the Anglers of the AuSable, other concerned conservation groups and individuals will have further comment at the appropriate time.

"While we expect that the issues in the EIS will be greatly similar to those in the previously adjudicated case, the Forest Service will be required to more closely examine the environmental questions," Diodore said. "Also, it will be necessary to more closely consider alternatives presented during the public comment period."

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Canoe teams paddle up the AuSable on tour between Great Lakes

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Kruger was ranked 36th with 420 points on the top 100 paddlers in career points, according to "Experience the Tradition - The First 50 years AuSable River Canoe River Marathon book.

Kruger's best time in the AuSable Canoe Marathon, at the age of 52 in 1974, was 15 hours, 32 minutes and 16 seconds.

Kruger, who was also recognized with an Iron Paddler Award, started 15 races and finished 14 with a best finish of fourth place in 1980, when he was 58.

Kruger's last AuSable Canoe Marathon was in 1992 with partner Mike Smith. Smith recalled that Kruger had an injured heel that year and they were the last team to get into the water in Grayling. Smith said that the team was able to catch up to other paddlers by midnight, and surpassed half the field to finish 18th when they reached Oscoda.

"Verlen always said if you finish that race - you're a winner," Smith said.

Kruger went on expeditions and holds records for the longest canoe journey ever and most miles one canoe has ever made - 28,043 miles across North America. He completed the trip with his son-in-law Steve Landick. The trip started on April 29, 1980 and ended on Dec. 15, 1983.

Kruger also completed the longest continuous journey in a canoe without a layover - 17,260 miles from Red Rock, Mont. to Skagway, Alaska. He traveled up the entire Grand Canyon - 240 miles in 23 days - despite park ranger's disapproval and disbelief.

Kruger paddled up the full length of the Mississippi River - 2,348 miles from the Gulf of Mexico to Lake Itasca, Minn. He holds the fastest time for paddling the Missouri River - 2,315 miles in 33 days, 18 hours and 45 minutes from Three Forks, Mont. to St. Louis, Mo.

Kruger paddled the entire West Coast on the Pacific Ocean - 4,275 miles from

Skagway, Alaska to Baja Calif./Cabo San Luis, Mexico. He also traveled the entire East Coast on the Atlantic Ocean - 2,483 miles from St. Johns, New Brunswick Canada to Key West, Fla.

A two continent canoe expedition took Kruger across 21,246 miles from the mouth of the Mackenzie River to Cape Horn that went from June 8, 1986 to March 1, 1989.

Kruger was recognized with the American Canoe Association's Legend of Paddling award.

A bronze statue has been completed in memory of Kruger, and will be placed in Thompson Park on the banks of the Grand River. The committee has raised \$30,000 toward the project and is raising final funds for landscaping, groundwork and memorial bricks.

The Ultimate Kruger Challenge 2009 included two teams of canoeists. The trip started on Lake Huron at Oscoda went up the AuSable River to Grayling. The teams portaged using wheeled carts down M-72 West, before getting back in the water to paddle the Manistee River to Lake Michigan.

The team of Bob Bradford and his son Mike Bradford, who are canoe racers, made the entire trip across the northern Lower Peninsula in three days, 13 hours and 35 minutes.

The team, called the "Tres Amigos," included Mark Przedwojewski, Dan Smith and Jack Murgittroyd. That team started the trip on Sunday, Sept. 27 and came

through the Grayling area late Saturday afternoon.

The teams had GPS units, which tracked their positions on the river and reported them to a Blog site on the Internet.

Mike Smith believes that the Bradfords should submit their time for a potential world record since they have the GPS recording times as proof.

"I don't know why they wouldn't," he said. "That's a true as true can get. Those guys are bad to the bone."

Przedwojewski, the current owner of Kruger Canoes based in Irons, was ready to venture on for a marathon trip down the Manistee River with plans on ending his journey on Sunday.

Dan Smith quit the trip early Saturday, due to a virus or flu that made it so he could not keep food down for the previous three days on the river.

"He gave it all he could the last couple of days and had to call it quits," Przedwojewski said. "It's hard to be out when you're sick. It's hard to be out there when you're not sick."

Verlen Kruger Memorial Association supporters were prepared to take Przedwojewski and Murgittroyd directly to a camp on the Manistee River after they had been canoeing in the rain and chilly temperatures throughout the week.

They refused, and opted to portage their canoes and gear down M-72 West seven miles on wheeled canoe carts.

"Do you think I canoed all the way up the AuSable

River to take a ride?" Przedwojewski asked.

Przedwojewski said since the trip is honoring Kruger, he wanted to venture on without help because that is how his mentor would have handled the situation.

"It's kind of a challenge to do it all under your own power without taking help," Przedwojewski said. It's not like the marathon style. Verlen, on his big trips, that's how he went. He didn't have anybody on shore helping him out. He had to take care of himself all the way along, so we kind of fashioned these challenges after that."

Paddling up stream against a four mph current, Przedwojewski said they also wanted to bring attention to the region's natural resources and recreational opportunities.

"They are so useable and underutilized I think," Przedwojewski said of the rivers.

Murgittroyd appreciated portaging the six dams located between Oscoda and Grayling.

"It's a lot of work, but it's well worth it," he said.

Przedwojewski added the comfort of the Kruger canoes made it an enjoyable trip despite the rain and drop in temperatures.

"It's just a little bit of rain, but that happens on every trip," he said.



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County Board finds its hands are tied to pay hikes for elected officials

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salaries were frozen for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

Other employees, whether represented by a union or not represented by a union, were given varying pay raises. Compo said that the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees employed by the county were given a 3.5 percent raise. Employees represented by the Michigan Association of Public Employees were given a 2.75 percent pay increase. Compo stressed that employees for both unions conceded to receive a reduced health care coverage plan in exchange for the increase in pay.

The contract for American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees for Crawford County District Court employees as well as the contract for Crawford County Central Dispatch employees and command officers for the Crawford County Sheriff's Department employees have expired. Sheriff's Deputies covered by the Police Officers Association of Michigan were offered a 1.5 percent pay increase, but negotiations between the county and the union are scheduled for arbitration.

Salary recommendations for the elected officials are made by the county's compensation commission, which is appointed by the Crawford County Board.

The recommendations for the current fiscal budget year were made when the compensation commission last met in the spring of 2008.

Commissioners, who believe they are good stewards of the county's tax dollars, struggled with the

issue of giving three-percent pay increases to elected officials while other employees were receiving less.

"In my own moral conscious, I just think it's wrong," Anderson.

Mike Lange, chairman of the county's ways and means committee which oversees county financial matters, said it would have been nice to have the foresight of the current state and national economies when the board approved the compensation commission's recommendations made last year.

"The economic climate was slightly different in 2008," Lange said. "They were looking at \$4.50 per gallon for gas and inflation looked like it was about ready to go through the roof."

Wakeley said that the board could either approve or disapprove the compensation commission's recommendations. He added that since elected officials do not receive added pay until after Jan. 1 and the county had another week before payroll checks were issued, there was time to study the issue.

"Over the years, there were various reasons where it was kind of nice to have compensation board, because for once you didn't have to be the scapegoat," Wakeley said.

The board, however, sought an immediate opinion from legal counsel Bonnie Toskey, who works for a law firm that represents the Michigan Association of Counties.

Toskey said Crawford County was unique among other counties when it comes to setting salaries for elected officials.

"It's rare," Toskey said.

"Very few counties have compensation commissions."

Later, Toskey said that the county board was bound to the compensation commission's salary increase recommendations since elected officials were serving terms in their offices which began on Jan. 1, 2009 and the salary recommendations were not rejected in 2008 by the county board.

Toskey said it would be against state statute to reduce the salaries for the elected officials that are serving their current terms.

Toskey, however, said that the county could achieve the same salary adjustments by asking elected officials to pay more for health insurance and fringe benefits.

Toskey said the board could disband the compensation commission without a public notice or public hearing with a resolution, which receives a majority vote from the board of commissioners.

The board will consider if it will keep the compensation commission in the first few months of 2010.

"It's as clear as mud now," Anderson said.

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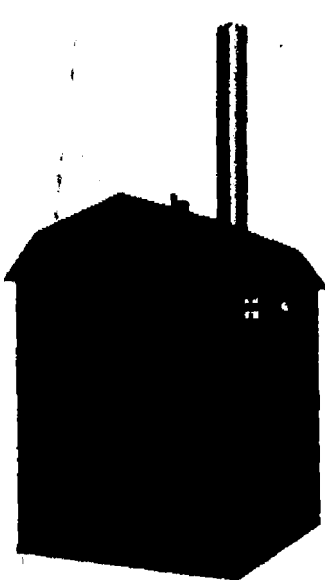
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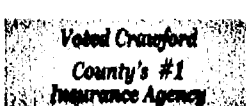
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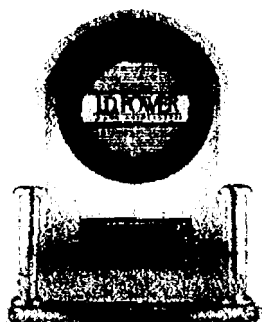


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Vikings finish week with 5-3 league victory vs. Rams

Soccer team defeats Kalkaska 3-1 on Monday

Grayling High School's varsity boys soccer squad played three home games last week and won two of them, with both of their victories coming in Lake Michigan Conference matchups.

On Thursday, the Vikings finished their three-game week with a 5-3 win over the visiting Harbor Springs Rams. The victory improved Grayling's league record to 6-2.

Grayling scored first with

a goal at the 27:47 mark. Andy Davila dribbled around one defender and beat the goalkeeper. At the first half's 7:57 mark, Hagan Reimers scored Grayling's second goal of the contest.

Harbor Springs scored at the 4:46 mark by kicking in a deflection off the goalkeeper. Grayling led 2-1 at halftime.

In the second half, Grayling scored three goals in less than two minutes to expand its advantage to four goals (5-1). Trevor Dewitt scored for GHS at the 24:48 mark. Thirty-two seconds later, Colin Hamlin scored on a deflection off Harbor Springs' goalie. With 23:17 remaining in regulation, Hamlin redirected a free kick by Filipe Carvalho into the net for Grayling's fifth goal.

The Rams scored twice in the final 16:46, but the Vikings won by two, 5-3.

Carvalho had two assists and Ashten Linkhart had one assist. Goalkeeper Nick Sendek had three saves.

"We've had some ups and downs lately, so it was nice to see the guys come out and dominate a game," Coach Craig Cobb said. "We need to work on mov-



Corey Kiessel tries to settle an airborne ball during Thursday's game against the Rams.

ing as individuals to have the open pass at all times. We did a great job moving the ball around, which created opportunities for everyone. We doubled their amount of shots on goal."

Grayling had 17 shots on goal in the match.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost 2-1 in a nonconference game vs. the visiting Roscommon Bucks.

Roscommon scored first and led 1-0. For Grayling, Filipe Carvalho scored on an assist from Marc Pirogan to tie the game at 1-1. The Bucks scored the only goal of the second half.

"We played hard but fell

short and missed on several of our opportunities. We will be working on this in the upcoming practices," Coach Cobb said.

On Monday, Grayling won 3-1 vs. Kalkaska in a game played at GHS.

Carvalho, Pirogan, and Davila each scored one goal for the Vikings.

"We continue to improve but we still lack the possession time that is necessary to dominate a game," Coach Cobb said. "Our passing looks real nice."

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JV Soccer

Grayling High School's JV soccer team ended its

2009 season on Tuesday, Sept. 29, with an 8-1 loss at Ogemaw Heights.

Grayling's only goal was scored by Tyler Powers.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, the Vikings lost at Elk Rapids.

"The Grayling team played very well and kept the ball on the Elk Rapids end of the field much of the time. Two penalties in the box led to two penalty kicks for Elk Rapids. Tyler

Powers also scored a goal in this game against Elk Rapids," Coach Jerry Wells said. "The team's spirits were very high coming into the Ogemaw game; however, the outcome was not favorable for the Grayling players."

"The JV season is now completed and the players will cheer on the varsity squad as they continue to pursue a winning season," Coach Wells said.

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Golfers compete at Farwell, Cheboygan

The GHS girls golf team competed in invitational meets at Farwell and Cheboygan last week.

On Thursday, the Vikings posted a team score of 440 at Farwell. Farwell won the meet with a 437.

Individual scores for GHS: Heather Ruddy, 107; Ann Hamlin, 102; Emily Wingard, 116; Kelsey Neuberger, 115; Kaitlin Adamski, 130; Angie Rouston, 129.

"When you get to an invitational like this you start to realize how beneficial it is to play the caliber of competition we are used to. Teams like (Traverse City) Central and West, Petoskey, Cheboygan, and Alpena have given us battles all season long. It has prepared us for the regional tournament and I feel like we are ready to show the improvements we have made down the stretch," Coach Keri Brock said.

"Eagle Glen is a tough course and our girls didn't let that take them out of their game. We didn't post our best scores of the season, but were consistent enough to place third, missing first by just three strokes," Coach Brock said.

On Monday, the Vikings golfed in the Cheboygan Invitational. TC Central won the meet with a score of 332. GHS finished at 422.

Scores for GHS: Ruddy, 105; Hamlin, 90; Neuberger, 128; Wingard, 109; Adamski, 129; Cayla Johnson, 133.

"Ann Hamlin medaled for the second time this season and shot a personal best in the process. She has really stepped it up for us and is on her way to becoming a complete golfer," Coach Brock said.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, the Vikings hosted Farwell and Gaylord St. Mary.

Farwell won the meet (195). Grayling posted a 215.

Individual scores: Ruddy, 56; Hamlin, 49; Wingard, 55; Neuberger, 55; Adamski, 57; Rouston, 58; Johnson, 59.

"As a team we were consistent, having everyone on our team shoot within nine strokes of each other, but we weren't able to post the scores I had hoped on our home course," Coach Brock said. "Ann Hamlin stepped up for us and shot a 49, which was the second lowest score of the day; however, Emily Rhody (Farwell) proved to be too much to handle as she shot a 35 on the front nine. I would be very surprised if she didn't place first individually in our region."

The Vikings golfed at Petoskey on Sept. 22.

Individual scores for



Angie Rouston hits out of a sand trap during a recent meet at Grayling Country Club.

GHS: Ruddy, 43; Hamlin, 54; Neuberger, 64; Adamski, 61; Rouston, 66; Johnson, 72.

"Heather Ruddy shot a 43 at Petoskey, a course we played earlier this year. She is a very capable golfer and stays out of trouble areas most of the time. I'm glad to

see her confidence level jump and look forward to more great scores from her down the stretch and into regionals," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings will play in the Division 4 Region 16 tournament on Friday, Oct. 9, at Eagle Glen in Farwell.

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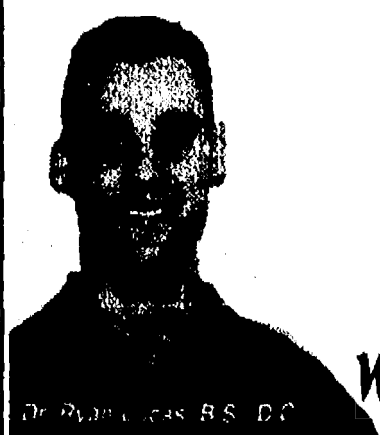
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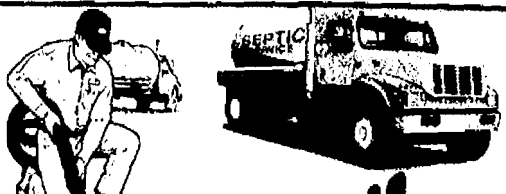
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Vikings force 11 turnovers in 62-15 victory vs. Rams

Defense scores two TDs in homecoming win

by Caleb Casey
 Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling Vikings forced 11 turnovers and won by 47 points, 62-15, vs. the visiting Harbor Springs Rams during last Friday's varsity football league game - a contest that included homecoming festivities for Grayling High School.

The Vikings finished the first series of the game - a four-play, 49-yard drive - with a 28-yard TD pass from quarterback Zach Wolcott to Cody Myers. Wolcott threw to Luke Schneider for the two-point conversion and Grayling led 8-0.

Harbor Springs punted on 4th and 4, but the Rams were able to get the ball back with an interception.

On 3rd and 9, Riley Zigila intercepted a Harbor Springs pass attempt. The Vikings drove 62 yards on five plays and finished the possession with a four-yard TD run by Wolcott. The series also included a 44-yard pass to Myers. The two-point conversion attempt failed. Grayling led 14-0.

On 3rd and 17, Harbor Springs scored on an 85-yard pass play. The Rams scored the two-point conversion with a rushing play to pull within six, 14-8.

At the 10:25 mark in the second period, Grayling finished a seven-play, 40-yard drive with a 13-yard touchdown pass to Schneider. Grayling led 20-8.

Harbor Springs responded with a 68-yard TD run on 1st and 10 - the first play of the drive. With the extra

point kick, Grayling led 20-15.

The Vikings answered with a 51-yard scoring drive that included two conversions on fourth down plays. Grayling finished the series with a six-yard TD run by Wolcott on 1st and goal. Grayling kept the drive moving with passes to Steven Enos and Brigham on 4th and 7 and 4th and 11, respectively. Wolcott threw to Brigham for the two-point conversion. Grayling led 28-15.

Harbor Springs punted on 4th and 13.

Grayling fumbled - the Rams stripped the ball loose - near the end zone and Harbor Springs recovered at its 5-yard line. Four plays later, on 4th and 5, Joe Contreras blocked Harbor Springs' punt attempt and Schneider recovered the ball in the end zone for a Grayling touchdown. The Vikings led 34-15 with 3:16 left in the first half.

On 2nd and 9, Ethan Lewis recovered a Harbor Springs fumble. The resulting series ended with a turnover on downs. The Rams took over at their 14-yard line with 24 seconds left in the half. On the first play of the drive, Harbor Springs fumbled and Contreras recovered the loose ball nine yards from the end zone. The Vikings ran three plays in the final 18 seconds of the half, but failed to cross the goal line. GHS led 34-15.

[During the festivities at halftime, Allie Barber and Brady Coe were named homecoming queen and king, respectively, and the junior class was announced as the spirit cup winner. The GHS marching band also performed.]

On the first possession of the second half, Brigham intercepted a Harbor Springs pass on 3rd and 11 and returned it all the way to the end zone for a TD. The Vikings led 40-15 after the two-point conversion

attempt failed.

On the first play of the next series for Harbor Springs, Brigham came down with an another interception. The Vikings drove 28 yards on seven plays and capped the series with a 14-yard touchdown run by Wolcott. Wolcott threw to Enos for the two-point conversion. GHS led 48-15.

On 3rd and 6, Grayling forced a fumble with a QB sack and Matt Dunckel recovered the loose ball for the Vikings.

The Vikings completed a five-play, 38-yard drive with a three-yard TD run by Schneider. David Bergan ran the ball into the end zone for the two-point conversion and Grayling led 56-15.

Myers intercepted a Harbor Springs pass on 3rd and 6. On the return, he was tackled just short of the goal line. On the next play, Wolcott threw to Brigham for a two-yard TD. GHS led 62-15.

Grayling forced a fumble on the ensuing kickoff return and Bobby Mullins recovered the ball for the Vikings. On the next play, Grayling fumbled and Harbor Springs recovered.

Five plays later, on 4th and 4, Brigham intercepted a Harbor Springs pass attempt.

Grayling ran the ball to kill time and turned it over on downs.

On 2nd and 5, Brigham posted his fourth interception of the game, tying a school record for most picks in a single contest (Shawn Gabriel, 2003).

The Vikings killed rest of the clock and won 62-15.

Wolcott threw for 294 yards (three TDs) and rushed for 58 yards (three TDs). Brigham had nine catches for 99 yards and one TD. Enos caught seven passes for 70 yards. Myers had six receptions for 105 yards and one TD.

Grayling's defense forced a total of 11 turnovers in the

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Elk Rapids	3-1
Kalkaska	2-2
Charlevoix	1-3
East Jordan	0-4
Harbor Springs	0-4

Last week's scores

GRAYLING 62, Harbor Springs 15
Elk Rapids 35, East Jordan 22
Boyer City 28, Charlevoix 20
TC St. Francis 56, Kalkaska 0

contest - six interceptions and five fumble recoveries.

"Our kids played great this week," Coach Tim Sanchez said. "The defense really stepped it up by forcing 11 turnovers, and the rest of the offense picked up the slack with our starting running back being out. We need to build on this momentum as we will be facing a tough Kalkaska team (this) week."

The Vikings (4-2 overall, 3-1 conference) will play at Kalkaska on Friday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 17, the Vikings will play a night game at Traverse City's Thirby Field vs. Traverse City St. Francis at 7 p.m. The contest - which is being called the "Breast Cancer Bowl" - will help raise money for the Munson Woman's Cancer Fund through T-shirt sales. The shirts are available now at the GHS office for \$20 (adults) or \$15 (kids). The shirts will allow for free entry into Saturday's game and a pregame kids' carnival/tailgate event.

The Crawford County Avalanche is now posting scores for the football team, along with those of other Grayling High School sports, on its Web site as they become available. The "Scoreboard" is listed in the "Latest News" box on the site's home page at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com.

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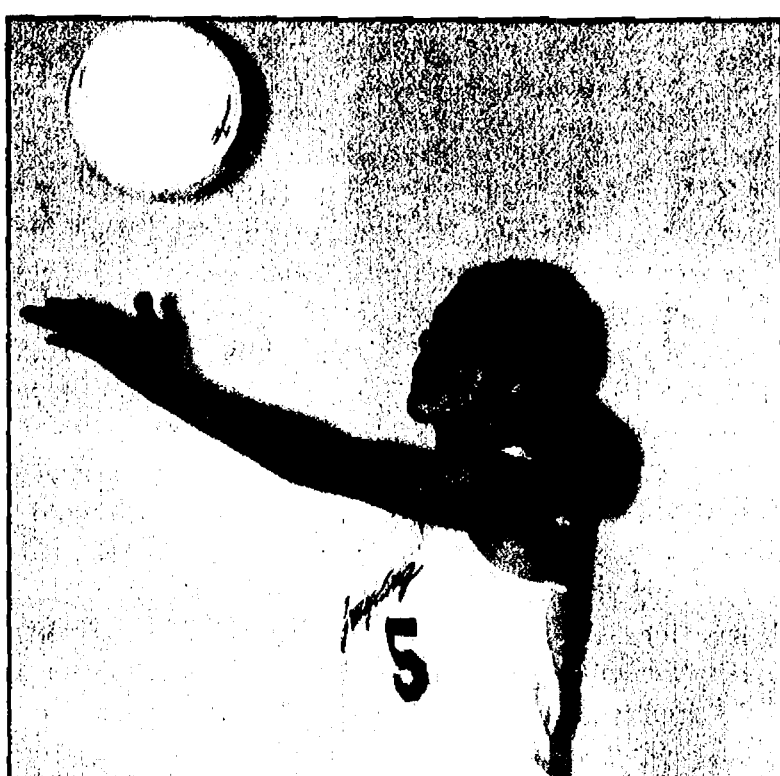
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Savannah Foguth hits the ball for the Vikings vs. Boyne City on Tuesday.



Kaitlyn Money serves for Grayling on Tuesday night.

Varsity squad unable to hold late leads vs. Boyne City

JV volleyball team defeats Ramblers 2-1

Grayling High School's JV volleyball team defeated the visiting Boyne City Ramblers last Tuesday, but Grayling's varsity squad lost 3-0 despite having late leads in all three contests.

In the varsity meet, Boyne City won 25-22, 25-21, 26-24.

"We were ahead in all three games, but we just stopped doing the things that got us there. We started tipping and playing less

aggressive. We easily would get to 20 points and then back down and let them in the game to beat us. I am disappointed in the loss and our ability to finish, but the level the girls played at showed me a lot of their potential," Coach Jessica Szymoniak said. "I think we can surprise a couple of teams the next time around."

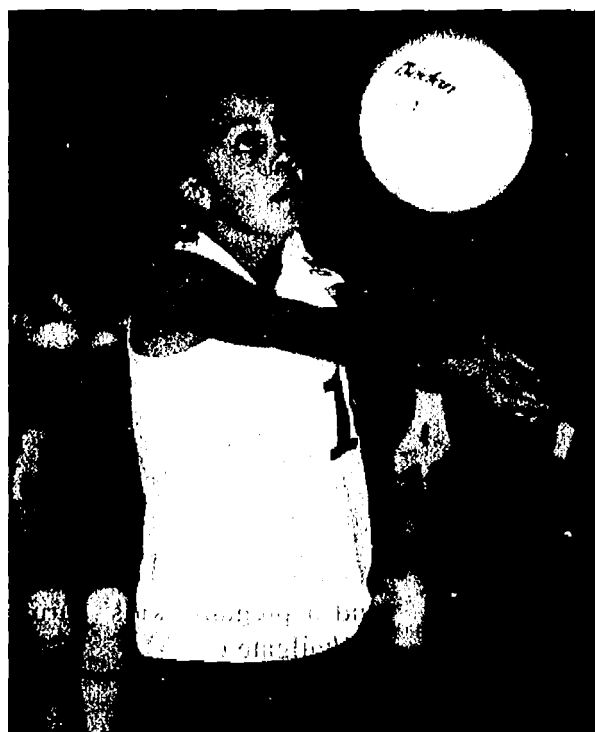
Ashley Feldhauser and Chynna Williamson each had two aces. Savannah

Foguth had 15 assists and Josie Swander had 10 assists. Feldhauser added seven digs. Grace Calkins had two blocks and Ashley Feldhauser had seven kills. Sierra Williamson had six kills.

In the junior varsity meet, Grayling won 25-20 in game one. The Vikings won game two 26-24 to win the series. Boyne City won 17-15 in game three.

The JV and varsity vol-

leyball squads will host Elk Rapids on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 6 p.m.



Elaine DesEnfants, left, and Shanley Dorn, right, hit the ball for Grayling's JV volleyball team on Tuesday night vs. Boyne City.



JV team wins 52-26 at Harbor Springs

The GHS junior varsity football squad won 52-26 at Harbor Springs on Thursday night.

Grayling trailed 14-8 after one quarter, but the Vikings had a 28-14 advantage at halftime. GHS outscored Harbor Springs 24-12 in the second half.

Grayling finished with 436 yards of total offense - 306 passing and 130 rushing.

Quarterback Zane Tobin threw for 306 yards and four TDs and added 23 yards and one TD on the ground. Craig Collen ran for 35 yards and one TD and caught seven passes for 48 yards and one TD. Jeff Enos carried the ball seven times for 32 yards. Ty Jensen had 51 rushing yards on five car-

ries and 33 receiving yards on three catches. Devon Dawson caught two passes - both touchdowns - for a total of 70 yards. Scott Parkinson had three receptions for 79 yards. Jake Hoover had two receptions for 51 yards and one TD.

Ryan Randall had 11 tackles for GHS. Brandon Handrich had eight tackles and Camren Wilson had six tackles. Hoover had an interception.

"This was a great team victory. We had a lot of players play during this game and it was fun to watch every player perform well on the field," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Grayling (4-2 overall, 2-2 league) will host Kalkaska at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct.

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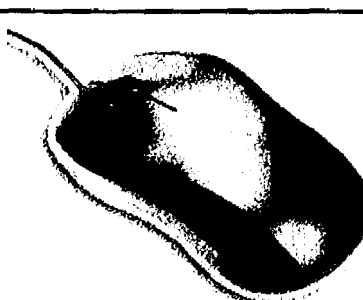
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Stanley C. Fahr and Dawn F. Fahr, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated the 14th day of March, A.D. 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 16th day of March, A.D. 2006, in Liber 680, Page 218 of Crawford Records, which said mortgage was assigned to The Huntington National Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$154,806.69 (one hundred fifty-four thousand eight hundred six and 69/100) plus accrued interest at 6.875% (six point eight seven five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 4th day of November, A.D., 2009, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of South Branch, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, Michigan: That part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, lying North of the center of the South Branch of the AuSable River, except the West 500 feet.

ALSO an easement for purposes of ingress and egress to the described land over the North 66 feet of the West 500 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, said easement to be used in common with the owners of the West 500 feet described in this easement.

ALSO an easement for ingress and egress as granted in Easement recorded in Liber 130, Page 431, Crawford County Records. Said easement is described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 51 in River Forest Plat as recorded, thence South along the East line of Lot 51, 25 feet; thence East 25 feet; thence North 25 feet parallel with the east line of Lot 51; thence West to the point of beginning, otherwise described as the North 25 feet of East Trail (private) as shown on River Forest Plat, recorded, being a part of Section 31, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Crawford County, Michigan.

Commonly known as: 0000 High Road Parcel Number 20-062-028-005-040-00

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 1, 2009
WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By Michael I. Rich (P-41938)
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NOTICE

FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION WITH OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE, AS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL PROTECTIONS. To: Michele Mosher 300 Ionia Street Grayling, MI 49738 County: Crawford State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orleans Associates, P.C. Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling_srch), telephone (517) 373-8370, TTY: 1-800-382-4568. If you request a meeting with the ser-

vicer's designate within 14 days after the Notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738. Dated: October 8, 2009 Orleans Associates P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File Number: 310.5645 ASAP# 3286341 10/08/2009

NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Craig L. Stewart, a single man, to CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by merger with CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 30, 2008 and recorded May 7, 2008 in Liber 691, Page 548, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Nine and 40/100 Dollars (\$63,309.40) including interest at 12.08% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on OCTOBER 21, 2009. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Roffee's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling according to Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 345 of Plats, Page 387, Crawford County Records. Being the same fee simple property conveyed by deed from Craig L. Stewart, single and Cheryl L. Stewart to Craig L. Stewart, dated 3/7/2008 recorded on 3/11/2008 in Liber 690, Page 547 in Crawford County Records, State of Michigan. Rerecording of Liber 690, Page 474. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: September 17, 2009 Orleans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 293.0597 ASAP# 3258224 09/17/2009, 09/24/2009, 10/01/2009, 10/08/2009

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NOTICE

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles R. McLeod and Deborah A. McLeod, Husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 3, 2004, and recorded on July 20, 2004 in Liber 670 on Page 229, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiMortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three And 33/100 Dollars (\$65,753.33), including interest at 5.125% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 4, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2, Block 1, Karen Woods Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 1, 2009
For more information, please call: FC C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
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Dated: October 1, 2009
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dolores Radziolowski aka Delores Mae Radziolowski, a widow not remarried, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2008, and recorded on July 30, 2008 in Liber 692 on Page 484, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Thousand Twenty And 94/100 Dollars (\$50,020.94), including interest at 6.125% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 18, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot Eleven (11) Upp North Unit No. 1, a Subdivision of part of the North Half (N 1/2), of Section Thirteen (13) and the South Half (S 1/2) of Section Twelve (12), Town 28 North, Range 4 West, recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 53 through 58, Crawford County Records, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 29, 2009
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for

od shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
Dated: October 8, 2009
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MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MARILYN A. CHATTERTON, A SINGLE WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 17, 2004, and recorded on July 12, 2004, in Liber 669, on Page 911, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Two Cents (\$50,944.02), including interest at 6.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on November 18, 2009

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:
LOTS 19 AND 20, GRAYLING MANOR, TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 10, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 29, 2009
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for

lender and lender's successors and assigns,

Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

-8-15-22-29

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE -- Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Nowlin, and Loretta E. Nowlin, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to NPB Mortgage LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 20, 2005, and recorded on May 26, 2005, in Liber 675, Page 647, Crawford County Records, and assigned to Rose Acceptance, Inc., by a mesne of assignments recorded in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Two and 75/100 (\$43,332.75) Dollars, including interest at 12.950% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan and are described as:

The East half of the East half of the West half of the Southeast one quarter of the Southeast one quarter, Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. Also including a 1973 Fawn Mobile Home, Serial #8856. C/k/a 757 East M-72, Grayling, MI 49738. Parcel ID: 20-40-007-161-0000.

The redemption period shall be twelve (12) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 29, 2009

Rose Acceptance, Inc.,
Assignee of Mortgagee

Keith A. Sotiroff, Esq.
SOTIROFF & ABRAMCZYK, P.C.
30400 Telegraph Road, Ste. 444
Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4541
(248) 642-6000

-8-15-22-29

Michigan Townships Association of Crawford County

Representing the interests of Maple Forest Township, Lovells Township, Frederic Township, Beaver Creek Township, South Branch Township and Grayling Charter Township.

Resolution

Whereas, the general condition of many road within Crawford County, outside the City of Grayling, are in generally poor condition; and

Whereas, the roads within the City of Grayling have been maintained and upgraded to a point where they can be generally considered in excellent condition, including road surfaces, stormwater runoff systems, and sidewalks; and

Whereas, the city streets are in such good condition due to an income tax which has been levied against all who work in the city, regardless of their residency since 1972; and

Whereas, the voters of Crawford County, including those voters in the City of Grayling, approved a ballot proposal on Tuesday, November 8, 2008, "for the purpose of providing funds exclusively for the maintenance and repair of roads under the jurisdiction of the Crawford County Road Commission, within the County of Crawford," and

Whereas, the specific intent of the road commission ballot proposal, and general understanding of the voters who supported it, was to provide funding for roads exclusively under the jurisdiction of the Crawford County Road Commission; and

Whereas, there are no local roads within the City of Grayling under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Crawford County Road Commission; and

Whereas, that ballot proposal will increase the annual road funding to the Crawford County Road Commission for the exclusive use on roads within their jurisdiction by approximately \$543,000 per year; and

Whereas, the City of Grayling, under Public Act 238 of 1909, has demanded a share totaling approximately \$63.00 per year of those funds voted for the exclusive use on roads within the jurisdiction of the Crawford County Road Commission;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the members of the Michigan Townships Association, Crawford County Chapter, representing eighty-six percent of the residents and a closely correspondent percentage of the total number of voters in Crawford County, do hereby express their desire that all funds collected through the passage of the "Road Repair Millage Proposal," of November 8, 2008, by Crawford County voters, be used to fund the repair and maintenance of roads exclusively within the jurisdiction of the Crawford County Road Commission and no funding approved in that election is to be used to fund road repair and maintenance within the City of Grayling; and

Further Be It Resolved, that this resolution be expressed to the Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, and the members of the Grayling City Council through the Michigan Townships Association Crawford County Chapter, which, in this matter will serve as the collective voice of the various townships within Crawford County.

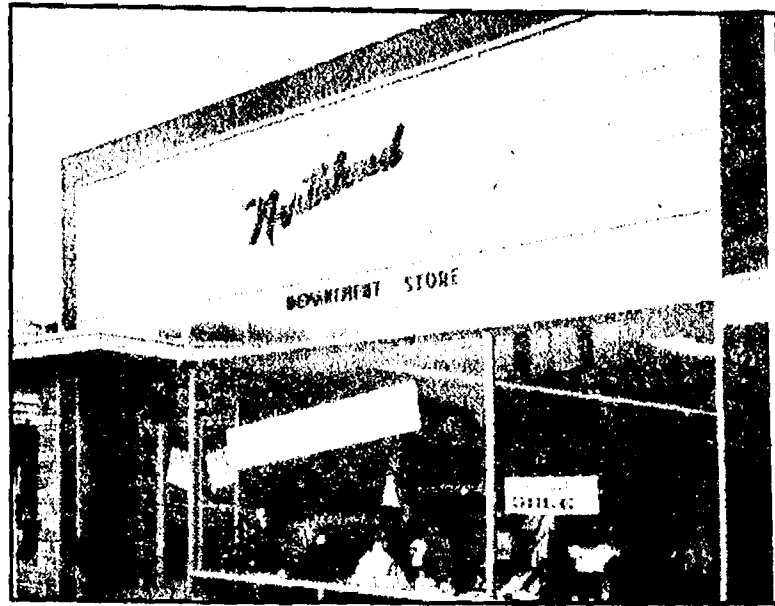
Adopted by a unanimous majority of members present at a special meeting of the Michigan Townships Association, Crawford County Chapter on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

09/29/09
Terry R. Wright
Chairman, MTA Crawford County Chapter

Features

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



October 10, 1963 - The completely remodeled and refurbished Northland Department Store on Michigan Avenue in downtown Grayling is the latest modernization in the business district. The front featuring 18 karat covered panels surrounded by deep blue panel border is most attractive. The large display windows are very adequate for merchandise display.

23 Years Ago October 9, 1986

Rainfall in September in our area smashed previous records according to the United States Weather Service office located at the Roscommon County airport. September was the wettest month ever dating back to 1918, when the U.S. Weather Service records started in our area.

Homecoming week for Grayling High School is the week of Oct. 13 - 17, with the game being against Boyne City on Friday night. Student Council will kick off homecoming week with a series of class competitions starting with daily dress up themes. Wednesday will be outdoor competitions and Thursday

will be indoor competitions. The parade will feature the Queen's court and will be on Friday.

The Grayling J.V. girls basketball team ran their unbeaten streak to 7 - 0 last Thursday whipping Gaylord 54 - 41.

An undefeated Gaylord football team snatched an upset bid by Grayling with a 65 yard touchdown run with only four seconds left in the half. Gaylord went on to win 22 - 6, the 32nd victory in a row for some Gaylord seniors.

46 Years Ago October 10, 1963

A cold front line squall moved across Crawford County about dusk last Wednesday. A tornado touched down in Maple

Forest Township breaking off or tearing out of the ground about 16 very large trees at the Ivan Hamblin home.

Another time record again was set in the 16th annual running of the AuSable Valley Canoe Race. Ron Hohman, of Oscoda, one of last year's winners teamed with Irvin Peterson of Coon Rapids, Minn., to cover the 240 mile turning, twisting course in 15 hours, 10 minutes and 51 seconds.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Englund of Bay City have purchased the Shamrock Restaurant from the John Latuszeks and also the Grayling Gulf Service Station.

A fish fry will be held at the Frederic Inn on Oct. 11, from 5 p.m. to 7, the cost is \$1.

The sophomore class of Grayling High School has six bleacher seats they would like to sell for \$2.75 each.

The GHS student council would like to invite the GHS alumni to the homecoming dance on Friday, Oct. 18. Free coffee and donuts will be served in the gym foyer which will give the alumni an opportunity to talk over old times. The dance will be held in the school gym, following the football game against Mancelona. The annual snake dance will take place on Thursday, starting at 7:30 and ending with a bonfire at the football field.

69 Years Ago October 10, 1940

Hunter's Dairy is now proudly settled into its new quarters on Cedar Street.

Peter Lovely will open a lunch room in the building which was formerly occupied by the branch office of Hunter's Dairy, opposite from the county jail.

The work on the new bowling alley is progressing nicely and it will be about two weeks more before there will be any definite announcement as to when it will open.

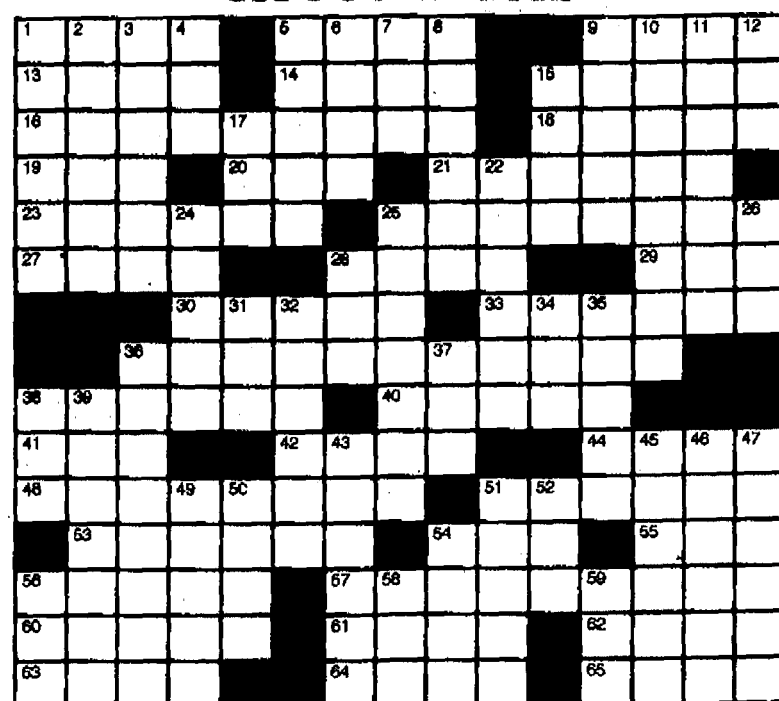
92 Years Ago October 11, 1917

Rasmus Hanson broke his arm while cranking his auto. Alfred Hanson resumed his duties at the Simpson grocery after a week's vacation, which was spent at his cottage at Lake Margrethe.

Samuel Kestenholz, proprietor of the Burton Hotel barber shop, who has been in ill health for some time has found it necessary to give up his work and take a couple of months rest. He, with his wife and son have left for his parents farm house in South Branch Township. He has left his shop in charge of H.J. Gothro.

In AuSable Valley School News, the boys of the school are studying hard this week as to get out early to dig potatoes for Henry Stephan. The schoolhouse has been much improved by a new broad wood floor and rearrangement of the seats, is very much appreciated by the teachers.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Deteriorate
5. Memorization by repetition
9. Cut short
13. To a remarkable degree
14. Beehive, e.g.
15. Sweet
16. Eastern North American herb whose yellow flowers are used in dyeing
18. Abalone found near the Channel Islands
19. Long, long time
20. Implement used to propel a boat
21. Representative
23. Vail trail
25. Nutlike seed of a South American palm
27. "Rambling Wreck From Georgia"
28. Again
29. Attorneys' org.
30. Produce
33. Not as good
36. With regard to emotions
38. Color between blue and yellow in the color spectrum
40. Best
41. Black gold
42. "September" (Neil Diamond hit)
44. Deprives of by deceit
48. Tree with showy bracts resembling flowers
51. Hay piled up in a barn for preservation
53. Like the Godhead
54. "At Seventeen" singer Janis
55. Ace
56. Go downhill, maybe
57. Persistent but subordinate motif
60. Maneuvers
61. Catch
62. "Go go brag!"
63. "Back in the"
64. Be rude to
65. Flight data, briefly

Down

1. Lacking good manners
2. Unhitch
3. Picturesque
4. Anderson's "High"
5. European mountain ash
6. On top of and covering
7. Athletic supporter?
8. Salad green
9. Dull and tiresome but with pretensions of significance or originality
10. Guiding light
11. Used for cooling drinks
12. The "p" in m.p.g.
15. It may get into a jamb
17. Former French coin
22. Fecal matter of a cow
24. Be similar in sound
25. Within a building
26. Dark heavy viscous substance
28. Three-time world heavyweight champion
31. Carbonium, e.g.
32. Root
34. Aged
35. Science
36. Submerged aquatic plant with ribbon-like leaves
37. Religious woman
38. Pan, e.g.
39. Unrestrained by convention or morality
43. Theatres in ancient Greece or Rome
45. Bestow
46. Inner satellite of the planet Uranus
47. Passes out
49. Smarter
50. Failures to reach base safely
51. College living quarters
52. "Gimme!" (start of an Iowa State cheer)
54. Wading birds with long, slender, down-curved bills
56. French vineyard
58. Bleat
59. "Gosh!"

SUDOKU

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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

For the week of October 8, 2009



CAPRICORN
December 22 - January 19

Stop dwelling on things you cannot change. Capricorn, and put your time and money into something you can change. It will bring you so much satisfaction.



ARIES
March 21 - April 19

Trust your instincts. Aries, if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Walk away and don't look back. A memo provides valuable insight into a delicate matter.



CANCER
June 22 - July 22

A nagging sense of self-doubt makes it difficult to accomplish a project. Look to a trusted advisor for advice. Cancer, a trip gets the home fires burning.



LIBRA
September 23 - October 22

You're making a mountain out of a molehill. Calm down, Libra, and try to see the situation from others' points of view. A deadline draws near at work.



AQUARIUS
January 20 - February 18

No one enjoys breaking a promise, but sometimes it cannot be helped and that time is now. Your friend will be disappointed but will understand. Aquarius.



TAURUS
April 20 - May 20

It is the journey, not the destination, that matters. Focus on the details, Taurus, and you will achieve what you are after. An invitation to a big party arrives. Have fun!



LEO
July 23 - August 22

It is people, not money, that count. Take some time out of your busy schedule to catch up with those you love, Leo. You won't believe what you've been missing.



SCORPIO
October 23 - November 21

Someone has set their sights on you, and you're definitely up to the task. Scorpio, turn on the charm and get ready to shine. A young friend completes the last piece of the puzzle.



PISCES
February 19 - March 20

You've been viewing life through rose-colored glasses for far too long. Take a long, hard look at things around you. Pisces, and start making some changes.



GEMINI
May 21 - June 21

A cause dear to your heart needs your assistance. Jump, Gemini, and bring some of your friends along for the ride. A sore spot in your finances heals.



VIRGO
August 23 - September 22

Separate fact from fiction, Virgo. Someone is attempting to play you for a fool. Careful planning for a home improvement project will lead to beautiful results.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22 - December 21

Stick with it, Sagittarius. You can reach that fitness goal. The music of a close friend at an event shocks you, but you see the benefits and consider following their lead.

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For more pets or more information, visit our website www.assc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



STICKY TOFFEE APPLE CRISP

Ingredients:

1/2 cup chilled butter, cut into small pieces
1 3/4 cup dark brown sugar, firmly packed (divided usage)
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour (divided usage)
3/4 cup chopped dates

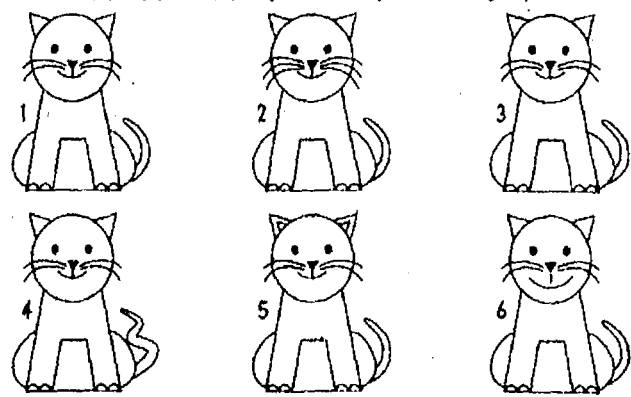
1 1/2 teaspoons apple pie spice (divided usage)
1/4 cup bacon, cooked crisp and finely crumbled
1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts
8 Michigan Gold Delicious apples, peeled and cored

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9 x 13-inch baking dish with non-stick cooking spray; reserve. Prepare streusel by combining butter, 1 3/4 cup of brown sugar, 1 cup of flour and 1 1/2 teaspoon of apple pie spice in a bowl. Work together with fingertips or a pastry blender until mixture resembles coarse meal; add crumbled bacon and walnuts, blending well. Reserve. Slice each apple into 8 wedges. Place into a large mixing bowl. Combine remaining 1 cup brown sugar, remaining 1/4 cup flour, and remaining teaspoon apple pie spice; sprinkle over the apples, tossing thoroughly to blend. Add chopped dates, distributing evenly, and place mixture into prepared baking dish. Sprinkle reserved streusel mixture evenly over apple mixture. Bake in preheated oven for about 45 minutes, or until apples are tender and bubbly and streusel is golden brown.

Makes 8 Servings

FIND THE TWINS

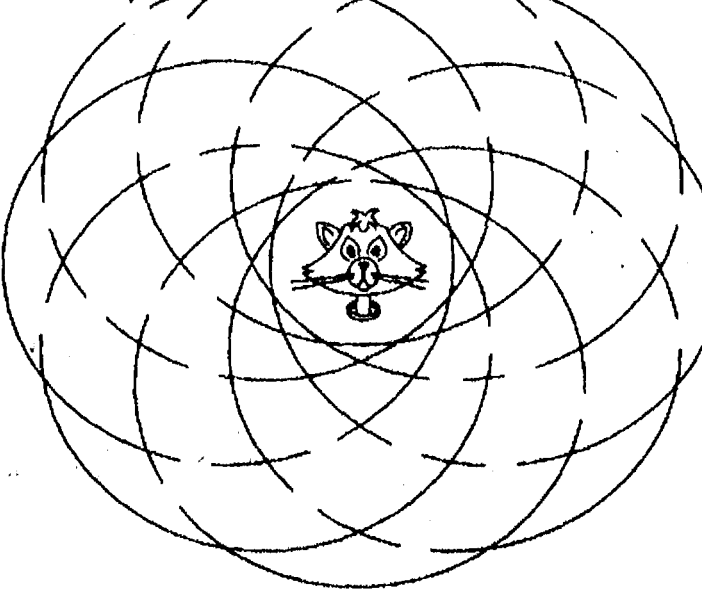
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1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM home for sale. Price reduced in July. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM one bath mobile located in Frederic \$400 a month, plus security deposit. Available immediately. Call Jamie 989-710-0030. (-8-15/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-348-8471. (1/15/09tf/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for immediate availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (03/26/09tf/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom apartment upstairs in downtown Grayling. Lease plus security deposit. 989-348-2833. (-8/2)

FOR RENT two bedroom apartment \$525 per month. To apply call 710-1194 or 370-2745. (-9/24/09tf/2)

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2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE on 1 1/2 acres with two car garage, washer/dryer and appliances, \$450, no pets. 348-2418. (-24-1-8-15/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom duplex includes all appliances, no pets, \$650 per month, plus utilities. First and security required. 2057 Barker Lake Rd. References required. 989-348-2621. (09/03/09tf/2)

COUNTRY VILLAGE APARTMENTS now leasing 2 bedrooms, immediate occupancy, rents based on income. Features balcony or patio, cable TV hookups, dishwasher, frost-free refrigerator, stove, full-sized washer and dryer, mini-blinds, air conditioning. Heat and water included. 4321 Country Village Lane, Roscommon, 989-821-8091. (-17-8-12/2)

FOR RENT VERY NICE one bedroom apartment on the river located at 126 Fulton Street. \$650 per month includes utilities. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-24-1-8/2)

FOR RENT ONE BEDROOM apartment in Roscommon, just remodeled \$425 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-24-1-8/2)

FOR RENT TWO BEDROOM apartment located at 911 Elm Street, \$425 per month plus deposit and utilities. Available first week in Oct. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-24-1-8/2)

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH house, nonsmoking, no pets, water included. 8141 Finch Lane \$435 per month, plus deposit 941-650-7946 or 989-348-9116. (9/24/09tf/2)

CABIN 1 & 3 at Lost Acres. Small units \$275 - \$300 with free utilities. No pets at all. 11010 N. Old 27. Toll free at 877-227-6976 or call Mike at 231-590-3699, www.qualityhomerentals.net (Northern Michigan Units) (-10/1/09tf/2)

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Grayling Pines Apartments

Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas and private patios/balconies. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity.
TDD 1-800-649-3777

2. For Rent

1 BEDROOM in town \$390 a month plus utilities, no pets, references. Call 231-675-1456. (-10/01/09tf/2)

FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM home set on 5 acres, very nice, well kept. Washer and dryer included. Located 5 miles out M-72 East. Utilities not included plus \$500 a month plus security deposit. 989-348-5428 or 989 745-8333. (-8-15/2)

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH home in town, \$600 per month plus utilities and \$600 security deposit. 989-732-6582. (-8-15/2)

3. Employment

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS NEEDED Starting pay \$1,600 /month, plus bonuses & paid vacations. Corporate training provided. All applicants must be neat in appearance and ready to start work immediately. Call now for interview 989-732-2175. (-8/3)

CURVES now hiring part time fitness tech. Enthusiasm a must. 989-348-1055. (-8/3)

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4. Services Offered

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

PROFESSIONAL HEMMING jeans, dresses, slacks, etc. Custom bedding, weddings. 989-344-2444. (-8-22/4)

4. Services Offered

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APPLIANCE AND FURNACE PARTS All major brands. Most parts in stock. Appliance Parts 6840 M-72 West, Grayling, across from the Ole Barn. 989-348-5971. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. (-1-8-15-22-29/4)

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SNOWPLOWING commercial or residential. Call 989-344-8076. (-8-15-22-29/4)

5. For Sale

CHAIN LINK DOG KENNEL 6 x 10 gate sections, 2 gates \$300. 989-745-6127. (-8/5)

JUNIORS BRAND NAME CLOTHING - Hollister, Aeropostle, etc. Size M 5-9. Must see to appreciate. 989-390-1107 (-8/5)

5. For Sale

65 GALLON AQUARIUM with access, custom made solid oak base with storage \$300. Aquarium with access only \$150. Old church bench \$75. 989-348-0187. (-8/5)

10' ALUMINUM BREAK by Tapco without stand \$400. New wainscot pine planking, 16 bundles 5/16 x 4" x 8' \$140. Woodmaster drum sander model 2900, used 4 times \$600. 989-348-0187. (-8/5)

CAM'S FIREWOOD - FALL SPECIAL Dry oak \$50 per cord. Free delivery within 20 miles. 2 cord minimum. 989-370-1150 or 989-348-7839. (-8-15-22-29/5)

GET YOUR SHARE of the economic stimulus money! Free seminar on the Central Boiler OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE and how you can receive a \$1,500 income tax rebate, plus take advantage of Harvest Sale pricing and begin saving money immediately. Friday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 24, at 10 a.m. Register today. Call 348-7484 (-8-15-22/5)

DRIED OAK FIREWOOD \$50 per cord, \$60 delivered. Call Bill 989-348-5124. (-1-8/5)

WESTERN SNOWPLOW 7 1/2 foot pro-plow, 1 owner, good condition. Turf bar. Fits 88-97 Chevy. \$1,500/ OBO. 348-5530, 517-204-3085 (-1-8/5)

OAK FIREWOOD cut 16" split and delivered, green \$50 a cord, green seasoned mixed \$60, all seasoned \$70. 30 years experience. Call Jerry at 348-7046. (-1-8-15-22/5)

KENMORE 20 GALLON electric water heater, like new \$75, aluminum frame storm windows with screens 6 at 23" x 42" and 1 at 26" x 42" all 7/ \$60. 6 wood frame storm windows 22" x 41", 6 \$40, 32" glass window, wood frame storm door \$15. 989-821-7152. (-24-1-8/5)

1 YEAR OLD dry oak firewood \$50 per face cord, 5 - 10 cord minimum. 989-529-8765. (-24-1-8-15-22-29/5)

5. For Sale

FOR SALE Double bed, double bed and mirror and collectibles. 344-0572. (-8/5)

FREE 1/2 CORD with first 2 cord purchase. Firewood, premium oak, split, delivered, \$55 per cord. Call Chris at 989-390-5102 or 989-348-0112 (-8-15/5)

FRESH YOUNG TENDER dressed rabbit. Frozen rabbit available. 989-344-4145. (-8/5)

6 USED WINDOWS with screens all good condition. Slider 36x35 crank, 19x39 crank, 36x39. Sliders 2, 34x11 crank, 19x38 some with diamond inserts. 989-348-5788, \$20 each, \$95 for all. (sgf-8-15/5)

6. Wanted

WOW Don will pay up to \$300 for junk vehicles, up to \$500 commercial. 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (4/2/09tf/6)

PAYING CASH for good used 100# propane cylinders. No junk please. Must be in decent shape. Please call 800-292-9295 or 348-7647. (4/16/09tf/6)

BUYING SCRAP METAL All grades. SMR 989-275-6041. (10/16/08tf/6)

WANTED Junk vehicles, will haul, Paying cash. Call Gene at Wakeley's Auto Parts, 989-348-5079. (LR10/8/09/6)

WANTED TO BUY Aluminum pontoon 16' to 20'. 989-731-5459. Okay if it needs a little work. (-8/6)

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7. Miscellaneous

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